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In re Application of:

Examiner: Thomas C. Barrett

Daniel Castro et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

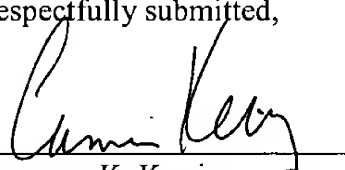
Dear Examiner Barrett:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 5, 2002, Applicants elect Species II: Fig. 8B. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 37 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are readable thereon. This election is being made without traverse. However, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to all of the remaining species.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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